

FURTHER CHARGES AGAINST PIZZINI

Additional Indictments Allege
Forgery in Connection With
Property Deals.

DRAGNET IS SPREAD FOR HIM

Pinkertons Say Any One of Nine-
teen Indictments Would Suffice
for Extradition.

All the machinery of the law and all the efforts of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency have been put into motion to apprehend William B. Pizzini, absconding real estate dealer, who is charged with leaving behind him an indebtedness and defalcation amounting to approximately \$800,000. Two more indictments, both alleging forgery, were returned against him yesterday afternoon by the grand jury, which has been investigating his affairs during two days.

Pizzini is now confronted with nineteen indictments, any one of which is sufficient to cause his extradition from any of those countries with which the United States has extradition treaties. Algeria, Morocco and Costa Rica, it is said, are the only countries with which treaties have not been made. In all the rest of the world the absconder must dodge even his own shadow to avoid the fear of detection, and all the nerve with which he must have braced himself to meet impending discovery will be needed so that he may sleep in peace.

The first indictment found by the grand jury yesterday afternoon charges that Pizzini on September 5, 1912, forged the name of Charles O. Saville, clerk of the Chancery Court, to a court certificate of recordation, the paper purporting to show that the William B. Pizzini Co. had filed a deed of trust from George E. Knight, to William B. Pizzini, Jr., and that the fee, tax and transfer costs, amounting to \$730, had been paid.

CHARGED WITH FORGING

NAME OF HIS PARTNER

The second indictment charges that Pizzini forged the name of H. K. Franklin, a notary public, and partner and business associate of Pizzini, to a paper purporting to be an acknowledgment by George E. Knight of a deed of trust executed in favor of Pizzini. This paper was dated August 21, 1912. The property in connection with this transaction is described in the deed as being on the north line of Floyd Avenue, between Rowland and Sycamore Streets, with a frontage of fifty feet and a depth of 125 feet. It is said by the indictment that the property was conveyed to George E. Knight, widower, from George E. Mayer and wife, August 19, 1912, and the purpose of the alleged deed of trust is said to be the securing of notes aggregating \$5,900, payable at the National State and City Bank, George E. Knight is listed on the city directory, showing it seems that Pizzini played even on false names to procure his ends. Under the name of Clerk Saville, signed to the papers, appear the initials of his brother, John F. Saville, deputy clerk. These two papers were recorded yesterday in the Chancery Court. Mr. Pizzini, it is understood, having them placed on file. The number of the day book on front of the documents, it is alleged, was forged.

After the return of these indictments, General Charles J. Anderson, foreman, announced that the investigating body had finished its work. Judge D. C. Richardson expressed his thanks.

NAME IS DRAWN

FOR PETIT JURY

A remarkable coincidence of the court proceedings yesterday was the fact that in the drawing for the petit jury, the name of William B. Pizzini was one of the first to appear. Clerk Walter Christian informed Judge Richardson of the fact, and the slip was discarded.

ANOTHER FACT DEVELOPED YESTERDAY

That Pizzini, on December 9, 1916, paid all his city taxes, amounting to \$5,355.39, to City Collector Herbert Hulce. The payment was by check, and the check was honored and paid. The taxes he supposed to have included payment on property held by Pizzini in trust.

PIZZINI, IF AUTHENTIC STATEMENT

relied upon and report be accepted at its face value, had lived on the verge of a volcano for nearly ten years. Known illegal transactions extend back as far as six years. Others, which have not yet been reported, may have extended back to an earlier date. Yet, in the face of impending disaster, in the knowledge that one day there must be a break in the long chain he had so carefully forged, Pizzini preserved an outward calm, an ebullience of spirits that would have disarmed even the vaguest suspicion.

PLAYED CARDS NIGHT

BEFORE HE LEFT TOWN

On Wednesday night, the night before he left Richmond, he played cards in one of the clubs. He played coolly and well, as he always played, and when, at 2 o'clock, the others yawned and rose to go, he was loath to quit the game. The next afternoon, between 3 and 4 o'clock, he called at a tailoring shop of Barney Myers, 601 East Main Street, and from there sent a porter to the offices of the Richmond Transfer Company to purchase a one-way ticket to New York. Later, or it might have been before, he reserved Pullman accommodations.

That night—and detectives are confident as to this fact—Pizzini left Elba Station on the 8:20 train for New York. Whether he continued the journey or broke it, is one of the questions confronting the detectives. He had with him a new handbag. It has been said that he was seen in Washington, on Pennsylvania Avenue, on the Friday following his departure. This is being investigated as an interesting bit of information.

As the books of the William B. Pizzini Company were found to be without fault, it is supposed that he must

Most Recent Picture Was Taken in Uniform



WILLIAM B. PIZZINI.
City detectives and Pinkerton operatives have searched the city for a recent photograph of the missing man that might be copied and scattered broadcast. The above picture was taken by the Campbell Studio when Mr. Pizzini was an officer in the Blues Battalion about ten years ago.

10,355 POUNDS WASTE PAPER IS COLLECTED

Sixteen Public Schools Are Yet to Be
Visited From—Will Be
Visited To-Day.

YESTERDAY'S SALE NETS \$89.58

Check for That Amount Is For-
warded to Superintendent of City
Schools—John Marshall High
Leads in Total Amount Brought In.

Waste Paper Collection From Schools Yesterday

| School | Pounds |
|-----------------|--------|
| Ararat | 322 |
| Bathbridge | 40 |
| Baker | 313 |
| Bellevue | 412 |
| Buchanan | 887 |
| Cary, John H. | 185 |
| Chimborazo | 298 |
| Fox, William F. | 1,120 |
| Fairmount | 232 |
| Grace Arcata | 221 |
| Jefferson | 301 |
| Lincoln | 25 |
| John Marshall | 3,602 |
| Monroe | 92 |
| Navy Hill | 273 |
| Nicholson | 294 |
| Powhatan, No. 1 | 280 |
| Powhatan, No. 2 | 16 |
| Preventational | 15 |
| Putnam | 195 |
| Springfield | 901 |
| Sydney | 30 |
| Total | 10,355 |

SCHOOLS TO BE VISITED TO-DAY.

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| Birford | Highland Park |
| Barton Heights | Dunbar |
| Franklin | Ginter Park |
| Madison | Moore |
| Navy Hill | Randolph |
| Seely's Addition | Newtown |
| Elba | Oak Grove |
| Providence Park | Montrose |

Waste paper, including old newspapers and magazines, amounting to 10,355 pounds, was collected from the public schools yesterday, while sixteen of the buildings have not yet been visited. They will be reached to-day, however, and it is probable that the third collection of the paper-saving campaign in the public schools will total more than ten tons. The sale of the paper collected yesterday amounted to \$89.58, a check for that sum having been mailed to Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, superintendent of schools.

Sixteen more schools will be visited today by the dealer who has contracted periodically to visit the schools to carry away the accumulation of waste paper. Some of these schools are small ones, but several large buildings are included. Among them the Birford Junior High School, Barton Heights, Highland Park, Madison and others. As the pupils of these schools have an additional day in which to bring paper from home, a considerable total should be collected.

The Times-Dispatch inaugurated the movement here to have the school children collect old newspapers and magazines for the benefit of the school funds. As a result, nearly twenty-five tons has been collected by them, of which the schools benefited to the extent of more than \$350. With the collections to-day it is probable that the amount will reach \$400.

John Marshall High School again leads in the accumulation of paper. These energetic youngsters collected a total of 3,602 pounds. The nearest competitor was the William F. Fox School, with 1,120 pounds. Springfield School was third, with 901 pounds. Buchanan School led the colored institutions with 887 pounds, with Armstrong High School second, with 522 pounds. Navy Hill will probably jump into second place, as the wagon will make another trip there to-day.

Arrangements have been made to have regular visits paid to the schools by the dealer who has purchased the three collections. Just how these collections will be made will be determined later, and The Times-Dispatch will continue to transact the business connected with the sale of the paper and send the proceeds to Dr. Chandler.

COMMITTS SUICIDE AS POLICE NEAR HIM

Bernard W. Lewis, Wanted in
Connection With Colbert Mur-
der, Ends Own Life.

MYSTERY NOT YET CLEARED

Believed to Have Had Knowl-
edge of Crime, Even if Not
Actual Slayer.

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., January 4.—Bernard Wesley Lewis, son of a prominent retired coal dealer of Pittsburgh, sought by the police in connection with the killing of Mazie Colbert, an artist's model, in her apartment at Philadelphia last week, shot and killed himself to-night in his apartment in the exclusive States Villa here while two detectives were trying to gain entrance to his room. The ball from a new .22-caliber rifle went into his temple, and death is believed to have been instantaneous.

When the detectives knocked on the door of his room, Lewis went into the bathroom, braced his feet against the head of the bathtub, placed the rifle to his head and pulled the trigger. When the officers broke down intervening doors a few minutes after they heard the shot, they found the man dead.

The local department yesterday was requested by the Philadelphia police detectives, Farley and Totten, who were assigned to the case, to endeavor to locate Lewis. They learned that the young man's father some years ago lived in a house near States Villa and they went to that hotel, but Lewis was not there, nor had he made any reservation.

POLICE HEAR THAT LEWIS

IS AT STATES VILLA

About 8 o'clock to-night a telephone message to Captain Malsed's office said a man answering the description of Lewis had entered States Villa, and was then eating dinner. Farley and Totten immediately rushed to the house where they learned that Lewis had gone to his room on the third floor. They hurried up the stairs and rapped on the door of the bedroom.

"Who is there?" Lewis called out. "We have a message for you," Farley answered. "All right," was the reply. A moment later the detectives heard a door slam, and fearing that Lewis was attempting to escape, hurried to an adjoining room, from which there was a communicating door to the bathroom of Lewis's apartment. As they tried the door, the rifle shot rang out. The keyhole to the second floor had been plugged, but the detectives soon opened the door leading to Lewis's bedroom. They found the door to the bathroom locked, and were forced to break it open.

Lewis was found half reclining in the bathtub, his foot braced against the side. The trigger of the rifle was still clasped in his hand, and the end of the barrel rested against his temple. The detectives saw at once that the man was dead. Chief of Police Miller took temporary charge of the body, and County Physician L. R. Souder expressed the opinion that death was instantaneous.

FINGERS SHOW SCRATCHES

AS MARKS OF STRUGGLE

Lewis's fingers showed several scratches, as though he had been in a struggle with some one. On the bureau were several copies of to-day's Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York newspapers. One contained the flaring headline, "Girl May Solve Model Mystery." Underneath this was a large cut of Mazie Colbert. The police said they found no written word in his efforts, however, to connect him with the crime.

Lewis was positively identified by the owners of the hotel. He was a man, apparently about thirty-eight years old, dark complexion, and extremely high forehead, rather prepossessing in appearance. He had little luggage and only \$6 and some change.

According to the people at the hotel, he arrived there at 10 o'clock Wednesday night. He appeared rather morose and uncommunicative. He had been absent from the house much of the day, and his movements between the time he arrived and the time of the suicide have not been fully traced.

BEFORE HE LEFT TOWN

KNOWLEDGE OF CRIME

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, January 4.—The death by his own hand of Bernard W. Lewis, a wealthy young Pittsburgher, as he was about to be arrested in connection with the murder of Mazie Colbert, the artist's model, the police declare, leads them to believe that he had knowledge of the crime, even if he was not actually the slayer. Although reports from Atlantic City late to-night said that Lewis had left no written statement, local authorities were hopeful that something would yet be found among his effects to clear up the mystery, which for four days has baffled the efforts of a score or more detectives.

A warrant for Lewis's arrest on the technical charge of defrauding a taxicab driver out of his fare on Friday, January 3, was issued to-day. It was believed that the crime was committed, was issued to-day, and flyers were sent broadcast by the police with a description of the Pittsburgher. Lewis's name had been furnished the authorities by Misses Ethel and Mabel Kyle, sisters, both of whom are public school teachers, who said that the young man had taken them home in a taxicab after a dinner party downtown. Elwood Powell, the chauffeur, in an affidavit, stated that he had later taken the man to the apartment house where Miss Colbert lived.

Lewis twice this afternoon telephoned, apparently from Atlantic City, to the home of the Kyle sisters in Germantown. His calls were answered

CHRISTIAN UNITY NEW HOPE OF POPE

Benedict to Renew Movement
Begun by Leo and Aban-
doned by Pius.

CARDINALS TO STUDY PLAN

Favors Thorough Re-Examina-
tion Into Validity of Anglican
or Episcopal Ordinations.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, January 4.—Private letters from the Vatican received by Dr. A. Palmieri, of the Library of Congress, a recognized writer on ecclesiastical subjects, announced that Pope Benedict XV. is about to appoint a commission of four cardinals to renew a movement begun by Pope Leo XIII. and abandoned by Pope Pius X. looking to a reunion of Christianity, and the cultivation of friendly relations with the Anglican Church. A public announcement on the subject from Rome is expected shortly.

Dr. Palmieri said to-night that the new movement, as outlined in his advice, will be directed particularly toward the establishment of a reunion of the Russian church and the papacy, and to a thorough re-examination into the validity of Anglican or Episcopal ordinations, which was settled in the negative in a papal bull "apostolical sedes," by Pope Leo X.

The honor of presiding over the commission of cardinals, Dr. Palmieri has been informed, will be bestowed upon Cardinal Nicola Marini, one of the new cardinals created in the last consistory. He has devoted much study to scientific research, and to the cause of a reunion of Christianity. The interest of the Pope in the problem of Christian unity is said to have been intensified by the recent progress of the World Congress, initiated by the American Episcopal Church.

LONGS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

AND TO END GREAT CONFLICT

"The new Pope," said Dr. Palmieri, summarizing the information received from Rome, "has taken a considerable part in the efforts of neutral nations to establish peace among nations, and the Vatican's efforts have been suggested not only by a humanitarian spirit, but by a longing for Christian unity and ending the conflict which long since has divided Christian churches. Efforts of Leo XIII. for carrying out the reunion of Christianity were abruptly stopped by Pius X. who aimed at an inner reform of the Catholic clergy, and turned all his energies to the crushing of modernism."

"Benedict XV. thinks it is time to renew the policy of Leo XIII. and also to make a serious study of the problem of peace would be the first step toward renewed attempts to stop the splitting of Christianity into a great number of sects."

"For this purpose," the Pope intends to set up a commission of four cardinals who will devote their intellectual resources to a study of the problem, and to the solution of the difficult problem of religious dissensions within Christendom. "It seems to the Vatican that the Orthodox Slavs will be very soon called to take a more active part in the life of Western nations, either Protestant or Catholic, and that it is necessary to come to an understanding with them. Several copies of to-day's Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York newspapers. One contained the flaring headline, "Girl May Solve Model Mystery." Underneath this was a large cut of Mazie Colbert. The police said they found no written word in his efforts, however, to connect him with the crime."

EXAMINE AS TO VALIDITY

OF ANGLICAN ORDERS

"One of the most difficult tasks of the new commission will be a thorough re-examination into the validity of Anglican ordinations. The bull 'apostolical sedes' by Leo X. has settled in the negative the program of that validity, but generally theological schools assume a more favorable attitude toward Anglican orders, and are leaning with them in order to avoid evils produced by religious intolerance. The newly planned commission of cardinals will pay attention to yearnings for a unity which from time to time manifest themselves in the orthodox churches, and to cultivate friendly relations with the Anglican Church."

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GROWING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN

ANGELICAN AND ORTHODOX

"Of course, Rome cannot see with indifference the growing friendship between Anglican and orthodox," Dr. Palmieri declared, "and consequently the new commission of cardinals will examine whether American Christianity feels instinctively the need of harmonizing the various tendencies of Christianity mind to form a united Protestantism which would be the first step toward a united Christianity."

LAST REMAINING HOLD IS SHAKEN

All of Dobrudja, Except Narrow
Strip, Cleared of Russian and
Roumanian Troops.

RETREAT ACROSS DANUBE

Teutonic Allies Continue Inva-
sion of Moldavia From
South and West.

(By Associated Press.)
Except for a narrow strip of land projecting into the Danube marshes toward the Moldavian town of Galatz, all of Dobrudja has been cleared by the Teutonic allies of Russian and Roumanian troops. After the fall of Matchin and Jijila, the defenders began a retreat across the Danube toward Braila and, according to Berlin, a force of Russian rear guards on the peninsula projecting toward Galatz comprises the only entente troops now in Roumania between the Danube River and the Black Sea.

In Moldavia, the Teutonic allies, notwithstanding the heavy snows, are continuing their invasion of the country from the south and west, although along the front of Field Marshal von Mackensen, in the former region, they are meeting with stronger resistance. Various ports from the Russian and Roumanian troops.

In the wooded Carpathians, the Russians in an attack captured from the Germans an advanced position north of Meste-Caneles. Petrograd reports that in this fighting the Russians took 60 men prisoner and captured three cannon, sixteen machine guns and other war material.

On the other fronts the operations are still confined to reciprocal bombardments and engagements between small reconnaissance parties. In Galicia, the Austro-German forces delivered several attacks against the Russians, but they proved unsuccessful. Raids of German trenches northeast of Arras and in the neighborhood of Wytschaete are reported by the London War Office, which asserts also that a German attempt against British trenches east of Arras was put down with losses to the attackers.

REGARDED AS ENDING

DEFENSE OF DOBRUDJA

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, January 4.—The capture of Matchin is regarded here as ending the defense of Dobrudja. The Russians held the Matchin bridgehead in order to prevent the Russian line of the rear. Nothing now remains to them except a narrow strip of land between marshes which carries the highway to Braila. The Germans and Bulgarians are in a position to push their guns within eight miles of Braila, and it is assumed that if the invaders capture the latter town, the Russian line of the rear Danube will be withdrawn. It is taken for granted that the prolonged resistance to the German advance has enabled the defenders to remove the stores of grain and other material from Braila.

DOBRUDJA ALMOST CLEAR

OF DEFENDING FORCES

BRILIN, January 4 (via Sayville).—Dobrudja has been cleared of Russian and Roumanian defenders with the exception of a Russian rear guard which occupies a narrow strip of land leading toward Galatz, says the War Office announcement to-day. About 1,000 prisoners and ten machine guns were captured in the taking of Matchin and Jijila.

THE WAR OFFICE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING

STATEMENT:

"Western theater.—During rain and fog there was limited fighting activity."

"Eastern theater.—Front of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, northwest of Dwinsk, companies of the Oldenburg Reserve Infantry Regiment, No. 25, pushed across the Dvina ice, and captured an island from the Russians. More than forty prisoners and several machine guns were brought back."

"Front of Archduke Joseph.—In the forests of the Carpathians, Russian detachments succeeded in gaining a footing in our most advanced position north of Mestemesnes."

"German and Austro-Hungarian troops captured by storm several heights to the north of the Olitz Road, and on both sides of Soveja, in the Susita Valley. They maintained them against strong attacks."

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen.—Above Odolts, northwest of Posen, the Milcov (Milcov) sector was conquered. West of the mouth of the Buzzeu, strong Russian cavalry detachments tried to advance, but were repulsed. German and Bulgarian cavalry regiments, shoulder to shoulder, captured by storm the tenaciously defended towns of Matchin and Jijila. About 1,000 prisoners and ten machine guns were brought in."

"The Dobruja is thus cleared of the enemy except for the narrow strip of land leading towards Galatz, where Russian rear guards are still maintaining themselves."

"Macedonian theater.—There is nothing important to report."

RYAN VISITS SENATE

Excused to Sent in Members' Gallery

by Senator Martin, of Virginia.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, January 4.—Thomas Fortune Ryan, the millionaire financier, who recently created a stir in Virginia when he announced the transfer of his legal residence to New York, thus depriving Virginia of \$5,000 annually in taxes, spent two hours to-day listening to debate in the Senate. Mr. Ryan, who is stopping in Washington for a part of the winter season, called at the Capitol to-day and sent his card to Senator Martin, of Virginia. The Virginia Senator escorted Mr. Ryan and the women accompanying him to seats in the members' gallery.

No "Approximate Date" for Return of the Blues

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, January 4.—General Frederick Funston, in command of the American troops on the Mexican border, to-day wired Senator Martin, of Virginia, that he was unable to fix an "approximate date" when the Richmond Blues will return home.

The Virginia congressional delegation has resumed its efforts to have the remainder of the Virginia guardsmen ordered home. Senator Martin, being unable to get some definite assurance from the War Department, wired General Funston, who replied he was unable to fix the date for the return of the Richmond Blues. Representative Watson called at the War Department and was told that there are six other regiments in Texas who went to the border before the Second Virginia. The First Virginia Regiment is now on its way home, having been ordered to return for demobilization before Christmas.

General Funston, in his telegram, said the Blues reached the border some time after many of the guardsmen who still are detained in Texas.

GREGORY TAKES OVER PRINT-PAPER INQUIRY

Attorney - General to Determine
Whether Grand-Jury Proceed-
ings Will Be Brought.

PRESIDENT MUCH INTERESTED

Department of Justice Prepared to
Institute Dissolution Suit Against
Manufacturers Who Are Believed
to Have Violated Antitrust Laws.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, January 4.—Attorney-General Gregory to-day took over the yield of the Federal Trade Commission's inquiry into the print-paper market with a view to determining whether there is a paper trust, and to instituting civil and criminal proceedings against manufacturers or others who may have violated the antitrust laws.

President Wilson is actively interested in recent disclosures of practices pursued in the distribution of print paper, and is understood to be following the inquiry closely. A mass of complaints and testimony and a large number of secret reports from the commission's investigators have been placed in the Attorney-General's hands.

For several weeks, Department of Justice officials have been in frequent consultation with the Trade Commission, and are understood to have under serious consideration the early institution of grand-jury proceedings at which indictments charging violation of the criminal section of the law will be asked.

ASKS THE CO-OPERATION

OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The formal taking over of the inquiry by the department to-day was in response to the following letter sent the Attorney-General by Secretary Bracken, of the commission:

"As you know, the Federal Trade Commission, pursuant to resolutions of the Senate, has been conducting an inquiry into conditions in the print-paper market."

"The commission is of the opinion that the inquiry has now reached a stage where the further co-operation of the department of Justice would be advantageous."

The Attorney-General replied:

"The department will at once take up the matter, and to that end I will have attorneys of the department meet with the commission or with attorneys of the commission, as may be desired, and go over the data already collected as a basis for determining what further steps to take."

"I know, of course, from what has already been brought out that a serious condition exists in this trade, and that any remedy which the law may afford should be applied at once."

WILL HASTEN ACTION

AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

Beyond asserting that the investigation and any action the department might take would be hastened as much as possible, Mr. Gregory declined to comment on the situation.

It is understood, however, that department officials are prepared to institute speedily a dissolution suit against any manufacturers within Federal jurisdiction who are believed to have conspired in restraint of trade or to effect a monopoly. At the same time, it was made clear that no injustice would be done manufacturers innocent of illegal practices.

In addition, department officials are understood to be preparing to ask for criminal indictments, should analysis of the evidence warrant such action, and it is believed the criminal proceedings, if undertaken, would be pressed ahead of the civil proceedings. Whether such proceedings might be conducted is said to be under consideration.

Officials say they are handicapped by the fact that more than half of the print paper consumed in the United States is produced in Canada by manufacturers who would be outside the jurisdiction of American courts in any proceedings that might be deemed advisable. This condition, however, would not apply to American agents of such manufacturers.

The Trade Commission's investigation was conducted in response to a congressional resolution, and a report to Congress will be made within a few days. Publishers charged at the open hearings that the manufacturers had combined to control prices and to restrict production. Some testified that manufacturers had refused to sell to them because of their activity in exposing the manufacturers' methods.

WILSON TO MAKE NEW PEACE EFFORT IF FIRST ONE FAILS

Forthcoming Entente Reply
Expected to Leave
Door Open.

BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO BE GERMAN TERMS

Diplomatic Washington Declares
President Has Taken Situa-
tion in His Own Hands.

CONFERS WITH COLONEL HOUSE

Policy of Absolute Secrecy Continues
to Curtain Every Diplo-
matic Step.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, January 4.—Active and aggressive mediation by President Wilson in an effort to bring the European war to a close, was decided upon in administration conferences here to-day. After President Wilson, Colonel E. M. House, his closest personal adviser, and Secretary of State Lansing had reviewed the peace situation in all its phases, the following developments became apparent:

The President determined to send a further peace communication, either in formal diplomatic style or as a confidential message through American ambassadors to the European powers, unless negotiations are unexpectedly interrupted.

Advices from the entente capitals led the administration to believe that the forthcoming entente reply to the President's peace note would leave the door open for further negotiations, and would pave the way for the new communication.

A definite and clear statement of the terms upon which Germany will end the war, already in the President's hands, will become the basis for the continued negotiations.

Diplomatic Washington to-night declared that the President has taken the world's peace situation in his own hands, and that he is in a position to proceed to mediate the differences between the expressed peace terms of the two groups of warring nations. It was accepted that the final peace terms of the entente powers are now the only missing requisite needed to give President Wilson all of the power and authority of an accepted mediator. With these in his hands, the President can proceed at once with negotiations to accommodate the differences in the two peace-term statements.

ENTENTE REPLY NOT

TO HALT NEGOTIATIONS</